GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to announce special package for habitat connectivity such as building new roadsbetween various tribal settlements in forest areas/tribal areas in various parts of the country including Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any new proposals for such connectivity from the States including Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a) to (d): This Ministry has not announced any special package for habitat connectivity. However, a Central Sector Scheme Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY)has been launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 28.10.2014.One of the objectives of the Scheme is to provide all weather roads with connectivity to the nearby town/cities.The VKY is broadly a process, whichaims at developing the backward blocks in the States having Schedule V Areas as model Blocks with visible infrastructural facilities by way of appropriate convergence of available resources with the Central Government and State Governments.